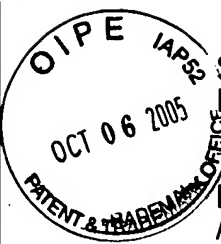


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of August 24, 2005. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

After entry of this Amendment, the application contains three (3) independent claims and seven (7) total claims. Therefore, no fee is required for this Amendment.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that she telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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